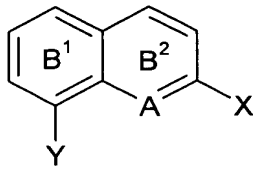
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of compounds of the general~~ A method for modifying of an organic pigment crystal comprising adding a compound to an organic pigment crystallization process wherein the compound is a compound of formula I

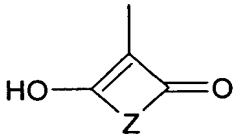


I

where

A is =N- or =CH-;

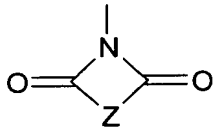
X when A is =N- is methyl or a radical of the formula IIa



IIa

or when A is =CH- is an R radical;

Y is an R radical or a radical of the formula IIb



IIb

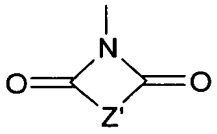
with either X being a radical of the formula IIa or Y being a radical of the formula IIb;

R is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, $-SO_3H$, $-SO_3^-Me^+$, $-SO_3^-N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4$, $-SO_2NR^1R^2$, $-CH_2NR^1R^2$, $-CH_2R^5$, -COOH, $-COO^-N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4$, $-COOR^6$ or $-COR^6$;

R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are each independently hydrogen; C_1-C_{22}-alkyl or C_2-C_{22}-alkenyl whose carbon chain may in either case be interrupted by one or more –O-, -S- $-NR^7$-, -CO- or

$-SO_2-$ moieties and/or which may be substituted by one or more of hydroxyl, halogen, aryl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and acetyl; C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl whose carbon skeleton may be interrupted by one or more -O-, -S-, $-NR^7-$ or -CO- moieties and/or which may be substituted by one or more of hydroxyl, halogen, aryl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and acetyl; hydroabietyl, abietyl or aryl; R^1 and R^2 or R^1, R^2 and R^3 may combine to form a 5- to 7-membered cyclic radical which contains the nitrogen atom and may contain further hetero atoms;

R^5 is a radical of the formula IIb'



IIb'

R^6 is one of the R^1 alkyl radicals;

R^7 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl;

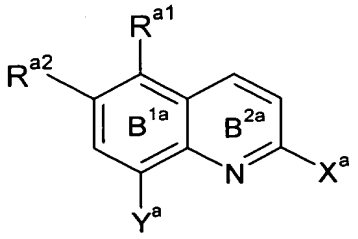
Me is an alkali metal ion;

Z and Z' are each independently arylene which may be substituted by one or more of halogen, $-SO_3H$, $-SO_3^-$ Me^+, $-SO_3^-N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4$, and C_1-C_{12}-alkyl, and

the rings B^1 and B^2 may each be independently additionally substituted by one or more identical or different R radicals other than hydrogen[[,]]

~~as crystallization modifiers for organic pigments~~.

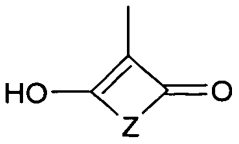
Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method of claim 1, ~~utilizing compounds of~~ ~~the~~ wherein the compound is a compound of formula Ia



Ia

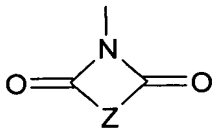
where

X^a is methyl or a radical of formula IIa



IIa

Y^a is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl or a radical of the formula IIb



IIb

with either X^a being a radical of the formula IIa or Y^a being a radical of the formula IIb;

R^{a1}, R^{a2} are each hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl or a D radical, although R^{a1} can be a D radical only when X is methyl and R^{a2} can be a D radical only when X is a radical of the formula IIa;

D is $-SO_3H$, $-SO_3^-Me^+$, $-SO_3^-N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4$, $-SO_2NR^1R^2$ or $-CH_2NR^1R^2$;

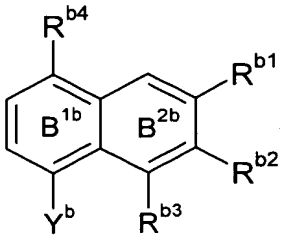
R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are each independently hydrogen; C_1-C_{22}-alkyl or C_2-C_{22}-alkenyl whose carbon chain may in each case be interrupted by one or more -O- or $-NR^7$- moieties; hydroabietyl, abietyl or aryl;

Me is an alkali metal ion;

Z is arylene which may be substituted by one or more of halogen, $-SO_3H$, $-SO_3^-Me^+$, $-SO_3^-N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4$ and C_1-C_{12}-alkyl, and

the rings B^{1a} and B^{2a} may each be independently additionally substituted by halogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl at different positions than R^{a1} and R^{a2}.

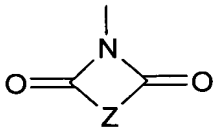
Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~ method of claim 1, ~~utilizing compounds of the~~ wherein the compound is a compound of formula Ib



Ib

where

Y^b is a radical of the formula IIb



IIb

R^{b1}, R^{b2}, R^{b3} and R^{b4} are each hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl or a D radical, although only one of R^{b1}, R^{b2}, R^{b3} and R^{b4} can be a D radical;

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the rings B^{1b} and B^{2b} may each be independently additionally substituted by halogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl at different positions than R^{b1} to R^{b4}.

Claim 4 (Original): A process for converting a crude organic pigment into a finely divided pigmentary form, which comprises finishing said crude pigment in the presence of one or more compounds of the formula I according to claim 1.

Claim 5 (Original): A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein said crude organic pigment is subjected to a grinding and/or a recrystallization from organic or aqueous organic solvent in the presence of one or more compounds of the formula I.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein said crude organic pigment is synthesized in the presence of one or more compounds of the formula I.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in ~~any of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4, wherein said crude organic pigment and the compound of the formula I are concurrently synthesized *in situ* and the mixture produced is finished.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in ~~any of claims 4 to 7~~ claim 4, wherein said crude organic pigment is a quinophthalone.

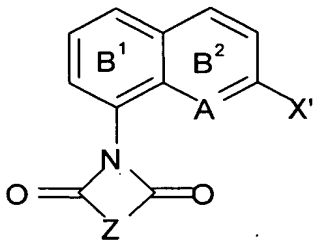
Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Pigment preparations~~ A pigment preparation comprising

A) at least one organic pigment, and

B) at least one compound of the formula I as ~~per~~ claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The pigment ~~preparations~~ preparation according to claim 9, wherein said at least one organic pigment (A) comprises a quinophthalone pigment.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~Compounds~~ A compound of ~~the general~~ formula I'



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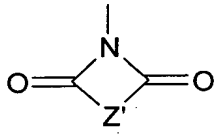

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